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Application No.: 10/034,853

Group No.: 3651

Filed: 12/28/2001

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR COLLECTING FLAT AND LETTER UNITS

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for one month:

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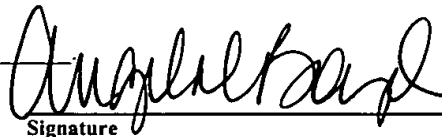
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Fee: \$110.00

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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| | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA | | | | |
| | | | | RATE | ADDIT. FEE | | |
| TOTAL | 78 | - 76 | = 2 | x \$ 18.00 | = \$ | | 36.00 |
| INDEP. | 7 | - 6 | = 1 | x \$ 86.00 | = \$ | | 86.00 |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM | | | | + \$ 0.00 | = \$ | | 0.00 |
| | | | | TOTAL ADDIT. FEE | | | |
| | | | | \$ 122.00 | | | |

Total additional fee for claims required \$122.00

FEE PAYMENT

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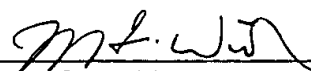
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